

selectively activate/deactivate a single auxiliary display platform, with one of the mechanisms serving to activate/deactivate one of the auxiliary display platforms and the primary display platform. Additionally, the activation/deactivation mechanism may reside on the auxiliary display platform(s) instead of the primary display platform. Also, a small motor 70 (FIG. 1) may be connected with the hinge(s) and adapted to include a memory function such that the display platforms can be opened to a preset location based upon an input location. In this way, an operator can start up the hinge motor 70, which will rotate the display platforms from a closed position to a preselected opened position.

While the foregoing has described in detail preferred embodiments known at the time, it should be readily understood that the invention is not limited to the disclosed embodiments. Rather, the invention can be modified to incorporate any number of variations, alterations, substitutions or equivalent arrangements not heretofore described, but which are commensurate with the spirit and scope of the invention. Accordingly, the invention is not to be seen as limited by the foregoing description, but is only limited by the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed as new and desired to be protected by Letters Patent of the United States is:

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1. A computer monitor comprising:  
a primary display platform having a display screen; and  
at least one auxiliary display platform having a display screen and  
being rotatably connected to said primary display platform.

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2. The computer monitor of claim 1, wherein said at least one  
auxiliary display platform is adapted to rotate from a closed position to an  
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3. The computer monitor of claim 2, wherein said at least one  
auxiliary display platform is sized and shaped to cover at least a portion of  
said display screen of said primary display platform in said closed position.

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4. The computer monitor of claim 3, wherein said at least one  
auxiliary display platform is sized and shaped to cover all of said display  
screen of said primary display platform in said closed position.

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5. The computer monitor of claim 1, further comprising at least  
one activation/deactivation mechanism for turning on and turning off the  
display screens of said display platforms.

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6. The computer monitor of claim 5, wherein said at least one activation/deactivation mechanism is adapted for turning on said display screens through rotation of said at least one auxiliary display platform from said closed position to said opened position and turning off said display screens through rotation of said at least one auxiliary display platform from said opened position to said closed position.

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7. The computer monitor of claim 5, wherein said at least one activation/deactivation mechanism is positioned on a front surface of said primary display platform.

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8. The computer monitor of claim 1, wherein said primary display platform is rotatably connected to said at least one auxiliary display platform through at least one hinge.

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9. The computer monitor of claim 8, where in said at least one auxiliary display platform is electrically connected to said primary display platform through said at least one hinge.

10. The computer monitor of claim 8, wherein said at least one auxiliary display platform is optically connected to said primary display platform through said primary display platform through said at least one hinge.

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11. The computer monitor of claim 1, comprising a first said auxiliary display platform rotatably connected to said primary display platform with a horizontally-directed hinge.

12. The computer monitor of claim 11, comprising a second said auxiliary display platform rotatably connected to said primary display platform with a second horizontally-directed hinge.

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13. The computer monitor of claim 12, wherein said first and second auxiliary display platforms are sized and shaped to cover at least a portion of said display screen of said primary display platform in said closed position.

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14. The computer monitor of claim 1, comprising a first said auxiliary display platform rotatably connected to said primary display platform with a vertically-directed hinge.

15. The computer monitor of claim 14, comprising a second said auxiliary display platform rotatably connected to said primary display platform with a second vertically-directed hinge.

16. The computer monitor of claim 15, comprising a third said auxiliary display platform rotatably connected to said primary display platform with a horizontally-directed hinge.

5 17. The computer monitor of claim 16, comprising a fourth said auxiliary display platform rotatably connected to said primary display platform with a second horizontally-directed hinge.

10 18. The computer monitor of claim 17, wherein said first, second, third and fourth auxiliary display platforms are sized and shaped to cover at least a portion of said display screen of said primary display platform in said closed position.

15 19. The computer monitor of claim 1, wherein said primary display platform and said at least one auxiliary display platform are integrated to inhibit overlapping of any displayed images.

20. A computer system comprising:  
a processing unit;  
a primary display platform, with a display screen, electrically connected with said processing unit; and  
at least one auxiliary display platform having a display screen and being rotatably connected to said primary display platform.

21. The computer system of claim 20, wherein said at least one auxiliary display platform is adapted to rotate from a closed position to an opened position.

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22. The computer system of claim 20, wherein said at least one auxiliary display platform is sized and shaped to cover at least a portion of said display screen of said primary display platform in said closed position

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23. The computer system of claim 22, wherein said at least one auxiliary display platform is sized and shaped to cover all of said display screen of said primary display platform in said closed position.

24. The computer system of claim 20, wherein said primary display platform and said at least one auxiliary display platform are integrated to inhibit overlapping of any displayed images.

25. The computer system of claim 24, further comprising a computer program which maximizes an amount of available space for one or more images to be displayed on said primary display platform and said at least one auxiliary display platform without allowing for an overlapping between any of said displayed images.

26. The computer system of claim 20, wherein said at least one auxiliary display platform is electrically connected with said primary display platform.

27. The computer system of claim 26, wherein said at least one auxiliary display platform is rotatably connected to said primary display platform through a hinge.

28. The computer system of claim 27, wherein said at least one auxiliary display platform is electrically connected to said primary display platform through said hinge.

29. The computer system of claim 27, wherein said at least one auxiliary display platform is optically connected to said primary display platform through said hinge.

30. The computer system of claim 27, further comprising a motor connected with said hinge and adapted to rotate said at least one auxiliary display platform to a preselected said opened position.

31. The computer system of claim 20, further comprising at least one activation/deactivation mechanism for turning on and turning off the

display screens of said display platforms, said mechanism being positioned on at least one of said display platforms.

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32. The computer system of claim 31, wherein said at least one activation/deactivation mechanism is adapted for turning on said display screens through rotation of said at least one auxiliary display platform from said closed position to said opened position and shutting off said display screens through rotation of said at least one auxiliary display platform from said opened position to said closed position.

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33. The computer system of claim 32, wherein one said mechanism is positioned on a front surface of said primary display platform.

34. The computer system of claim 20, comprising a first said auxiliary display platform rotatably connected to said primary display platform with a horizontally-directed hinge.

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35. The computer system of claim 34, comprising a second said auxiliary display platform rotatably connected to said primary display platform with a second horizontally-directed hinge.

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36. The computer system of claim 35, wherein said first and second auxiliary display platforms are sized and shaped to cover at least a



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42. A telecommunications device comprising:  
a primary display platform having a display screen; and  
an auxiliary display platform, having a display screen,  
rotatably connected to said primary display platform.

5 43. The telecommunications device of claim 42, wherein said  
auxiliary display platform is adapted to rotate from a closed position to an  
opened position.

44. The telecommunications device of claim 42, wherein said  
auxiliary display platform is rotatably connected to said primary display  
10 platform through a hinge.

45. The telecommunications device of claim 42, wherein said  
auxiliary display platform is sized and shaped to cover at least a portion of  
said display screen of said primary display platform in said closed position

15 46. The telecommunications device of claim 45, wherein said  
auxiliary display platform is sized and shaped to cover all of said display  
screen of said primary display platform in said closed position.

47. The telecommunications device of claim 42, wherein said auxiliary display platform is electrically connected to said primary display platform through said hinge.

48. The telecommunications device of claim 47, wherein said auxiliary display platform is optically connected to said primary display platform through said hinge.

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49. A method for displaying images on a computer monitor having at least two rotatably connected display platforms, said method comprising the steps of:

displaying a first image on one of said display platforms;

selecting a second image for display from said first image;

displaying said selected second image on said other display platform;

and

sizing said opened second image in relation to the available display space on said other display platform to inhibit overlapping of said second image with other images being displayed on said other display platform.

50. The method of claim 49, further comprising:

selecting a third image from said first image screen;

selecting on which of the display platforms to display said selected third image;

sizing said selected third image screen in relation to the available display space on said selected display platform to inhibit overlapping of said third image with other images being displayed on said selected display platform; and

5 displaying said selected third image on said selected display platform.

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51. The method of claim 50, wherein said step of selecting on which of the display platforms to display said selected third image is accomplished by a computer to which said display platforms are connected.

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52. The method of claim 50, wherein said sizing step is accomplished by said computer.

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53. The method of claim 52, wherein said sizing step comprises determining the available display space for said selected display platform and dividing the determined display space by the number of images to be displayed.

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